

## GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

April 11, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>



Dear Families,

By now you've heard educators as well as outside experts describe the power of "design thinking". Perhaps you even read the recent article in the paper about visiting artist Ralph Masiello coming to Coolidge. Then again, I'd bet your child mentioned the experience- it was very exciting! I wanted to reiterate how grateful we are to the Shrewsbury Education Foundation funding this project. I'm writing this week so that you have a better sense of what the excitement is all about.

Art is a key aspect of the design process, and this is an opportunity for students to experience that integration. To create something original, an artist must visualize. Just as problem solving in Math requires children to think carefully about context, this project will task students with making connections between space (our cafeteria) and need (What would look well there?) and learning (What do we want other people to know about us?) Importantly, Art Director Pam LeBlanc and teacher Amy Loconsolo designed the project in such a way that students will be able to see how their work connects to a larger whole, and to learn about how artists manage this balance in their everyday lives. Finally, watching an illustrator at work just might inspire our children to pursue their own murals.

The work begins this Wednesday. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

*Amy*

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*Principal*

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### Important Upcoming Dates:

April 26, 27, 28 PARCC testing Grade, 3 English Language Arts

April 29 School Store

May 2, 4, 5 PARCC testing Grade 4, English Language Arts

May 9-12 PARCC testing Grade 3, Math

May 16-19 PARCC testing Grade 4, Math

**Coolidge Field Day: Friday, June 10 (rain date Friday, June 17.)**

**Fourth Grade Completion Ceremony Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **From the Nurse's Office: Physical Exams!**

If your child is new to Shrewsbury or to Coolidge School we require a physical exam done during the current year or within 30 days after entry. If you have any questions check with the nurses office to see if a new physical is due. We ask parents then to provide a copy of the physical exam every 3 or 4 years.

4<sup>th</sup> grade parents please make appointments for a new physical exam for your child if one has not been done last year. They will need it before moving on to Sherwood Middle School.

If you are without insurance, St. Ann's Free Medical Clinic will perform a physical exam at no charge. They will also assist in applying to MA. Health, to obtain medical coverage. Their hours are every Tuesday 6-8PM at the Father Smith Center behind St. Ann's Church on Rt. 9 in Shrewsbury.

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## **COOLIDGE'S SPRING FLING – A GREAT SUCCESS!**

Thanks to Mrs. Blake Jarvi, Mrs. Jan Lineman and all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Spring Fling Ice Cream Celebration a great success. The fundraiser made \$3391.84 plus \$275.00 from the sale of T-shirts and stuffed cardinals.

The money raised from this event will help the PTO fund various enrichment programs such as the STEM program for the Kindergarten classes, the Helen Keller presentation, and the yearly Snowflake Festival.



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## **HELEN KELLER “VISITS” COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

Helen Keller, performed by actress Sheryl Faye, visited Coolidge School on Friday, April 8. The first performance was for grades 3 & 4 and a second performance for grades K, 1 & 2. The presentation was informative and very moving.

### **CHECK OUT THE COOLIDGE SCHOOL VIDEOS**

Please go to the Coolidge Facebook page and check out the latest videos from the April 8<sup>th</sup> All School Meeting that are posted. See your terrific kids doing wonderful things!



<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool/>

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## **LAST CHANCE: COOLIDGE CLOTHESLINE**

### **COOLIDGE PARENTS:**

Do any of these articles of clothing look familiar? This is our Coolidge Lost & Found Clothesline. If you recognize any of your child's clothing or boots, please come in ASAP and bring them home. They are now in bags in the school lobby.

**Any articles not picked up by the end of Spring vacation will be donated**



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## **PARENTS: PLEASE SEND ANY VACATION NOTICES TO MRS. CAIRNS & YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER**

If your child will be out of school for vacation, please send an email to both your child's teacher and Mrs. Cairns in the office. Her email is [ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccairns@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)  
If your child's teacher is absent, the office may not receive the notice.

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## APRIL VACATION CAMP

NEW! – Shrewsbury Public Schools Offers April Vacation Camp

Are you a 3rd or 4th grader interested in technology, music or web design? Join us during April vacation at Floral Street School for two different half-day classes where you will use iPads to tap into your creativity. The morning class will use “Garageband” to create and record music. The afternoon class is an introduction to web design.

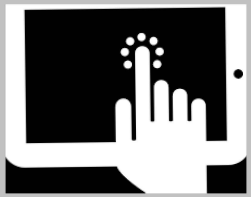
Both classes will be taught by Ms. Tara Gauthier, an instructional technology specialist at Shrewsbury High. iPads will be provided and no previous experience with the iPad is needed. Class Dates: Tuesday April 19th - Friday, April 22nd.

You may register for just one of the classes, or choose both for a full day of fun.

Enrollment is limited to 25 students so register now! Want more details - click [HERE](#) for a flyer. Questions? Contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning.

<mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us>

APRIL VACATION CAMP



GARAGEBAND 8:30AM - 11:30AM \$75	INTRODUCTION TO WEB DESIGN 12:00PM - 3:00PM \$75
Ever wonder what it would like to be, to be your own musician? In this class students will learn how to use GarageBand to create, play and record their own music.	Ever wonder what it would be like to create your own website? In this course students will learn about storyboarding, layout and design to create their own website.
After submitting your registration you will receive an email within 24 hours confirming your spot and giving you details on where to send your payment.	
Full Day option: Students taking both classes will have a lunch break in school cafeteria from 11:30-12:00. Students must bring a lunch and drink from home. Click here to register - <a href="http://goo.gl/forms/7XpUOSBEy6">http://goo.gl/forms/7XpUOSBEy6</a>	

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## SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce the official opening of the 2016-2017 bus registration process. We have three messages to highlight here:

1. **ALL students who wish to ride a bus to a school in our district or Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, St. John's High School, St. Mary's School, Montessori School, Al Hamra Academy must be registered in our 2016-2017 Bus Registration System.**



*The deadline for registration and payment [if required] is June 30, 2016 at 4:30pm. All registrations made or postmarked after this deadline will be subject to a \$50 late fee per student [\$150 family cap for late fees].*

2. We are very pleased to offer and encourage use of our new online payment center. **The online payment center can only be accessed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal after completion of the bus registration process.** You will receive a payment receipt immediately upon completion of a payment transaction using the online system. [If you choose to mail in the check payment with your registration form, you will not receive a payment receipt from the School Dept.. Your cleared/processed check from your bank will serve as proof of payment.]

There is no "processing charge/convenience fee" for online payment of the bus fee and both credit cards and debit cards are accepted.

1. All of the regulations and rules pertaining to bus ridership eligibility and the requirement to pay a fee are posted on our website under the Transportation link. Please read them carefully and access the FAQ if you have questions.

The bus fee for the 2016-2017 school year is \$275/student with a \$825 family cap.

**SPS families can register now by clicking on the link here: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/transportation/>**

For illustrated instructions for registration and the new online payment click here: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/transportation/documents/Online.Payment.for.B.using.Directions.pdf>



Families with private and vocational students can access our new online registration here: <http://schools.shrewsbury.ma.gov/transportation/Private-and-Vocational-School-Transportation-Registration.cfm>

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## PTO NEWSFLASH

**Email:** [ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

**Blog:** <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

**Facebook Group:** "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

**Direct Donation:** <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

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1. Teacher Appreciation Lunch- May 25th
2. Reading Incentive Program
3. Labels for Education

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**1.This year's teacher appreciation lunch will be May 25th.** A flyer will be coming home soon with more details. We will also be looking for students to write some personalized messages for the fabulous teachers and staff at Coolidge school.

**2.Reading Incentive Program** - As we enter April, the students Reading Incentive sheets are coming in at a great rate. I'm so happy to have so many great readers. Remember to let your student know that they need to get in at least 10 to be receiving their medal at the ceremony in June. There is still plenty of time, so keep on reading. Students in grades 2-4 are receiving and "spending" their reading tickets at the school store, so remember for each sheet passed in, they receive one ticket to spend. Grades K-1 are able to choose from the prize buckets in their classrooms each time they pass in their sheets.

Remember to check out our Solar System display in the cabinet in the front lobby. There you will find some really interesting items and maybe see something you've never seen before. A fun fact is about the sun. Did you know that the star in the center of the solar system is the sun? The surface of the sun is about 10,000 degrees F. In the center, it may be 27,000,000 degrees F. The sun is so big, it

can fit one million earths inside of it. The sun has burned for 4.5 billion years. In its current state, it will probably burn for 5 billion years more. Keep on reading - you never know what you will learn!

**3.Labels for Education - Our Labels for Education program is ending as of this school year.** I encourage you to please send in any and all Campbells and Pepperidge Farm labels that you have to better our chances of being able to receive some really great items for our school. This has been a great program, but due to not many people taking advantage of it, they have decided to end it. I am able to send out a final order until July, so its never too late to send them in. Thank you all for the many donations.

*To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at [kbiando74@gmail.com](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com)*